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Kevin Martin, Chairman
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Michael Coops, Commissioner
Robert McDowell, Commissioner
Jonathan Adelstein
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Support BellSouth/ AT&T Merger, WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Commissioner,

Having taken the time to consider the merits of the proposed merger of BellSouth and AT&T, the Delta Regional

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deploy high-speed Internet service to rural areas and to low-income households indicates a very favorable and more positive outlook for the information highway of the foreseeable future in this underserved region.

In our opinion, the proposed merger appears to offer a potential for prosperity and a higher quality of life for literally millions of people, particularly for those of us located in the Delta area. D.R.M.B.A therefore supports this proposed merger, and we request that your decision will be in the best interest of not only rural areas such as ours, but for leveling the playing field on the information highway for all concerned. Your leadership and attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brenda Poke,
President
Delta Regional Minority Business Association

cc: DRMBA Board Members ; Larry D. Williams , Consultant